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Collectors' Notices.
Mr. S. N. TAYLOR, our agent, will call upon
subscribers in Kennebec, during the month of January.

The Tax Commission.
In accordance with the suggestions of Gov.
Dingley, a resolve has been passed by the
Legislature providing for the appointment of a tax
commissioner, and Hon. A. W. Payne, late State
Insurance Commissioner, has received the ap-
pointment. The resolve makes it the duty of
the Commissioner to investigate the systems of
other States and within thirty days report to
the Legislature some plan for raising revenue
outside of direct taxation. As we understand it,
the plan contemplates an increase of the
rate of taxation on the property of the State,
to lighten the burden of taxation upon
real estate. Two classes of corporate property
or incomes were referred to in connection with
this subject, in the Governor's report, viz:
Railroads and Insurance Companies.

In the case of railroads, until they become
sources of income to the stockholders, we do
not see that there is anything which ought to
be taxed. In some of the older States, upon
these thoroughfares of travel which pay large
dividends, a proportionate tax on property
levied, but we have no such roads in Maine.
Most of the railroads in this State have been
built at great expense, on account of the rugged
character of the territory through which
they pass, and are comparatively new. Some
of them are really pioneers, passing through
rugged stretches of unbroken territory, and yet
depending mostly upon through passengers for
their support. By practicing the most rigid
economy they have barely been able to pay
their running expenses and repairs, leaving
nothing to be divided among the holders of the
stock. If additional taxes are imposed upon
these roads it will become necessary for them
to increase their rates of tariffs correspond-
ingly, and what would be gained to the tax
payer in reduction would be lost to the holder
of his lines of railroads are situated partly in
Maine and partly in other States, and are
owned and operated for the most part by
parties residing out of the State, and so far as
we have heard the subject discussed, it is more
especially in connection with these roads that
the measure for taxing railway securities is
brought forward. In the case of the Grand
Trunk, the stockholders are all in Maine, and
the dividends and the bonds which matured three
years ago have not yet been paid and their
market value is considerably below par. They
draw interest at the rate of six per cent., but
when obliged to pay State and municipal taxes
as they lay they are now subject, they become a
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A TOWN OF PEACE. We have before us a
copy of the cotton plant (*Gossypium*) whose
dark green covering has burst asunder, dis-
closing its contents, white as the driven snow.
A full of the cotton plant is a great rarity,
although this plant is a member of the regu-
lar kingdom. It is a plant which is found in
milder than, but the one before us is from the
peculiar spot where it grew and from which
it was recently plucked, it is of special inter-
est to us. It comes as a token of peace from the
blood stained battle grounds of the Old Domi-
ion. It speaks of cultivated fields and rural
beauties where a few brief years ago, rav-
ages were visited, and a central blood. It
speaks of a peaceful, re-constructed country,
years of separation, itself being an element
which entered largely into the quarrel. Like
the olive leaf to ancient Noah, it tells us that
the reign of darkness and devastation is over,
and gives pledges for the peace of the future.

In his ramblings through Virginia in the early
part of the present winter, Dr. Edward A.
Nason of this city, visited the old battle
ground near Richmond and Petersburg.
The immense parcels of earth works, so fa-
miliar to the soldiers in the army of the Po-
tomac, have been mostly levelled and it is only
by the assistance of guides that particular lo-
calities can be found. Within the limits of an
important fortification, designated on army
plans as Fort Sedgwick, but generally known
by a much more interesting name, Nason
plucked several specimens of the cotton plant,
of the number, is the one before us. Nine
years ago we spent the winter in that spot, and
its experiences will never be forgotten.

On the 29th of November 1864, the 7th
Maine Battery was ordered to garrison Fort
Sedgwick and the artillery in that Fort, with
its Batteries 21st and 22nd situated on either
flank, eight pieces in all, were placed in charge
of the second floor of the battery, who were
expected to be in position at that post and upon
the ground. No violent deeds or words were
permitted and the entire services are performed
quietly and with great solemnity.

The question of woman's rights is likely to
be tried in Connecticut. Miss Abby Smith is
the joint owner with her sister of several
acres upon which the assessor levied a tax.
This tax Abby declined to pay unless she should
have a voice in the affairs of the municipality
where she resides. Thereupon the town com-
missioners refused to assent, and Abby has
appealed to the courts. This same principle
of taxation without representation was once
applied to the American Colonies by the
Mother Country and history informs us how it
was received and how it ended. No good re-
sponse can be given by a woman who owns prop-
erty and is obliged to contribute towards the
town's expenses, should not have a voice and
vote in that town's financial affairs.

A series of incendiary meetings are being
held in New York City composed of idle and
reckless persons who profess to represent the
working classes and threaten to make up-
on capital. In their speeches they talk
about a revolution that will overthrow the
municipal government and lay the city in
ruins. Two of the speakers were outspoken
communists and threatened to overturn things
generally. In a few days they are to have a
street parade and great preparations are being
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The Markets.

Brighton Cattle Market.
At market for the week ending Jan. 21. The supply of cattle was good. The market was steady. The following are the prices: Cattle, \$10.00 to \$12.00; calves, \$8.00 to \$10.00; sheep, \$6.00 to \$8.00; pigs, \$4.00 to \$6.00.

Wool Market.

There has been a fair demand for wool. The market was steady. The following are the prices: Wool, \$1.00 to \$1.20; fleeces, \$1.50 to \$2.00; clips, \$1.00 to \$1.20.

Boston Market.

Flour and Grain—The flour market continues quiet, but in price no change has taken place. The market was steady. The following are the prices: Flour, \$1.00 to \$1.20; grain, \$1.00 to \$1.20.

New York Market.

Cotton—Sales 700 bales. The market was steady. The following are the prices: Cotton, \$1.00 to \$1.20; wool, \$1.00 to \$1.20.

Gold and Silver Market.

Money closed at 1 1/2. The market was steady. The following are the prices: Gold, \$1.00 to \$1.20; silver, \$1.00 to \$1.20.

Augusta City Market.

Apples—In fair supply with prices unchanged from last week. The market was steady. The following are the prices: Apples, \$1.00 to \$1.20; oranges, \$1.00 to \$1.20.

Portland Market.

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Maine Produce Association.

The Maine Produce Association, organized last winter, was held Tuesday afternoon at the State House for the election of officers and the transaction of other business.

Maine Legislature.

The Legislature is now organized for the work of the session, and a large amount of business has been referred to the various committees.

Congressional Summary.

SENATE. The Senate has passed a bill for the relief of the Maine Farmers' Union.

House of Representatives.

Mr. Williams introduced a bill for the relief of the Maine Farmers' Union.

Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Williams, in presenting the above, said that the bill was for the relief of the Maine Farmers' Union.

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